

REMARKS

Claims 9-20 and 23-45 are pending, with claims 9-12, 23, 27, 32 and 37 being independent. Claims 1-8, 21 and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 23-45 have been added.

The action objects to the information disclosure statement ("IDS") filed on December 31, 2001. As set forth in the attached copy of the postcard submitted with the information disclosure statement, a copy of U.S. Application 09/835,551 was provided with the IDS. Since submission of the IDS, said application has been published as US-2002-0021266A1 and is being provided with this response.

Claims 9-12 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yoshida. Each of claims 9-12 recites, among other elements, forming a light emitting element at a front surface of a substrate. The action points to Yoshida's picture electrode 34 as corresponding to the recited light emitting element. However, the picture electrode is not a light electrode. Rather, the picture electrodes 28 and 34 are used to allow input of a voltage that controls the properties of the first and second liquid crystal layers. Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9-12.

Claims 13-20 have been rejected as being obvious over Yoshida in view of Hirabayashi, JP 1-99026 A, or Bando. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Hirabayashi, JP 1-99026 A, and Bando do not remedy the failure of Yoshida to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Similarly to claims 9-12, each of independent claims 23, 27, 32 and 37 recites forming an electroluminescence layer. These claims are allowable over Yoshida at least because Yoshida fails to describe or suggest formation of such a layer.